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Public Comment Sought on Draft EA for Maintenance Facility and Camp Host Site Improvements at Pictograph Cave State Park

-Comments Due by Friday, October 3 at 5pm-

(Billings, MT) –Montana State Parks (stateparks.mt.gov) announced today that it is seeking public comment on a draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for maintenance facility and camp host site improvements at Pictograph Cave State Park in Billings, Montana.

The draft EA proposed infrastructure improvements include; removal of the current maintenance shed and pump house with relocation of all equipment to a new 12'x24' pre-fabricated storage shed installed on a new concrete pad. The improvements would provide adequate space and a safer, more functional and secure building for the park's tools and equipment.

The draft EA also includes renovations to the two camp host sites to provide for a more functional, size adequate, and dedicated setting for the host's RV and vehicles. Electricity would be routed to the storage shed and host pad site pedestals to provide a safer connection and reduce any public safety hazards or code compliance issues. The presence of hosts on park grounds provides an important means of protecting park facilities and significant archeological and natural resources.

The project will be completed in phases starting with \$20,000 in funds currently allocated.

The public is invited to comment by email to PictoCaveMaintenanceEA@mt.gov or comment online at stateparks.mt.gov and click "submit comments" or direct link is here:
http://stateparks.mt.gov/news/publicNotices/environmental-assessments/pn_0030.html

The public can also send written comments by mail to: Pictograph Cave Maintenance EA, Pictograph Cave State Park 3401 Coburn Road, Billings, MT. 59101. Public comments must be received by Friday, October 3 at 5pm.

For questions about the draft EA and/or the public comment process, contact Jarret Kostrba, Pictograph Cave State Park Manager at (406) 254-7342 or jkostrba@mt.gov.

For directions and more information about Pictograph Cave State Park visit:
<http://stateparks.mt.gov/pictograph-cave/>

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